

sound financial condition of the League as shown by the Financial Report, and to the large increase in numbers, the members at present on the roll numbering 383. She then alluded to the two principal items on the Agenda, and said that in all large bodies diversity of opinion was inevitable. She hoped there would be a full discussion, and that whatever decisions were arrived at would be accepted by the minority, as well as the majority. She then called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the Minutes of the last meeting which were confirmed, after which the Hon. Treasurer presented her report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews said that the Financial Report was in the hands of all members. No comment seemed necessary from her as there was nothing to explain or apologize for. The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, June, 1900 to June, 1901, was as follows:

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank	...				11	7	7
Annual Subscriptions	...	36	11	6			
New Subscriptions	...	6	2	6			
		<hr/>			42	14	6
Sale of League News	...				16	11	6
Sale of Badges	...	35	15	8			
Value of Badges in hand	...	15	13	6			
		<hr/>			51	9	2
Donations to Social Gatherings	...				3	8	6
Donation to Benevolent Fund	...				0	10	0
Donations to Delegate Fund	...				48	15	0
		<hr/>			£174	15	9
<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Badges	...	42	11	9			
Expenses of two Social Gatherings	...	18	13	2			
Printing, including one issue of News	...	13	19	10			
Postage and Petty Cash	...	4	9	4			
Applicant to Benevolent Fund	...	5	0	0			
Ticket and Stationery in connection with Delegate	...	18	0	6			
		<hr/>			102	14	7
Balance at Bank	...	56	7	8			
Badges in hand	...	15	13	6			
		<hr/>			£174	15	9

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary then presented her Report: "I have to report that since the date of the last general meeting in July, 72 new members have joined

the League. The Winter Social Gathering was held in December and about 150 members were present. Mrs. Howard Marsh and Sister Luke added greatly to the enjoyment of the gathering by their excellent musical programme.

In December last a letter was received from Miss Lavinia Dock, of New York, the secretary to the Nursing Section, inviting the League to send a delegate to the Congress to be held at Buffalo in September next. The Executive Committee accepted the invitation, as the occasion was one of interest and importance. The Committee, however, felt that it would be imprudent to do this without having some certainty that the necessary money for expenses would be forthcoming.

A guarantee fund was formed and the following ladies kindly consented to be financially responsible:—

Miss Isla Stewart,
Mrs. Howard Marsh,
Mrs. Turnbull,
Mrs. Andrews,
Mrs. Wates,
Miss Finch,
Miss Helen Todd,
Miss Blanche Rumble,
Sister Surgery,
Mrs. Spencer.

A circular letter, signed by the President, and voting papers were sent to members; 243 papers were returned, the result being that Miss Waind was elected by a large majority to be the representative of the League. Members have subscribed so generously to the Delegate Fund that it will not be necessary to call upon the guarantors for anything beyond their ordinary subscriptions. No. 2 and 3 *League News* have been issued, and I think we may claim that the interest is well maintained. In conclusion, our thanks are due to members for the promptitude with which they have paid up annual and other subscriptions."

Mrs. Spencer further announced that the sum in hand for the Buffalo Delegate Fund was £50 1s. 0d. The expenses of collection had been defrayed out of the general fund so that subscriptions from any members who had not yet contributed would be still gratefully received.

A RESOLUTION.

Sister Surgery then proposed that a short service should be held each year on the day of the summer meeting, at which a well-known clergyman should be invited to officiate. This was seconded by Mrs. Wates, and carried after the proposition had been thoroughly discussed.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND SCHEME.

The next business before the Meeting was to discuss the Benevolent Fund Scheme, and the President vacated the Chair, which was taken by Mrs. Howard Marsh, while she explained a suggested project. She emphasised the responsibility of the League with regard to this proposal, not only at the present time but to succeeding generations, and asked the members to consider the question very fully before

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